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SUBJECT: VISIT TO AMSTERDAM OF DRILL SHIP "GLOMAR CHALLENGER"

REF: (A) STATE 203592 (NOTAL)

(B) STATE 209353 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: WHILE VISITING AMSTERDAM SEPT 25-OCT 6 FOR NEEDED WORK AFTER ARTIC EXPLORATION, DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT (DSDP) VESSELL "GLOMAR CHALLENGER" RECEIVED VISITORS FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING, US, USSR, FRG, FRANCE, UK AND NETHERLANDS. VISITORS WERE BRIEFED ON DSDP AND VESSEL'S OPERATION. COINCIDENTAL PRESENCE IN AMSTERDAM OF CO-COMMANDERS OF APOLLO-SOYUZ TEST PROJECT (ASTP), WHO MADE JOINT VISIT TO THE VESSEL, PROVIDED "UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR UNDERLINING GROWING SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND USSR. END SUMMARY.

1. DSDP DRILLING SHIP "GLOMAR CHALLENGER" ARRIVED AMSTERDAM SEPT 26 TO UNDERGO NEEDED REPAIRS AFTER EXPEDITION TO ARCTIC WATERS. BY TIME VESSEL DEPARTED OCT 6, SEVERAL SEPCIAL INTEREST GROUPS HAD BEEN RECEIVED ON-BOARD BY NSF OFFICERS AND VESSEL'S OPERATORS AND GIVEN BRIEFING ON DSDP AND UNCLASSIFIED

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VESSEL'S ACTIVITIES. PRESENCE OF VESSEL IN AMSTERDAM WAS

COMMUNICATED BY EMBASSY TO MEDIA AND APPROPRIATE ENTITIES  
IN DUTCH SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, WHICH RESULTED IN VISITS.

2. ACCORDING TO PROJECT OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE MCLERRAN,  
FOLLOWING GROUPS VISITED "CHALLENGER" AT AMSTERDAM:

(A) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF FRENCH NATIONAL RESEARCH  
ORGANIZATION CNRS (U.OF PARIS), WITH WHOM MCLERRAN IS TO  
TAKE UP FURTHER CONTACTS OCT 9 IN PARIS TO DISCUSS FRENCH  
FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN DSDP.

(B) SMALL GROUP FROM UK, WITH WHOM NSF ALSO ACTIVELY  
ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO DSDP.

(C) GROUP OF INDUSTRY REPS FROM HAMBURG (ESCORTED, WE  
UNDERSTAND, BY EMBASSY BONN SCIATT), WHICH WAS JOINED BY FRG  
ECON COUNSELOR THE HAGUE (FRG IS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING  
FINANCIALLY IN DSDP.)

(D) GROUP FROM GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF URTRECHT,  
AND GROUP FROM DUTCH MINCON INSPECTORATE OF MINES.

(E) JOINT VISIT BY ASTP CO-COMMANDERS, US AND SOV  
AMBASSADORS, AND STAFF (SEE PARA 3).

3. COINCIDING WITH "CHALLENGER'S" VISIT WAS 25TH INTERNATIONAL  
ASTRONAUTICLA FEDERATION CONGRESS, HELD IN AMSTERDAM FROM 9/30-  
10/4, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY CO-COMMANDERS OF JOINT US-USSR  
SPACE EFFORT, ASTP, SCHEDULED FOR LAUNCH JULY '75. AS REP OF  
DSDP-PARTICIPATING COUNTRY, SOV AMBASSADOR THE HAGUE WAS  
ISSUED SPECIAL INVITATION (AS WAS FRG AMBASSADOR) TO VISIT  
CHALLENGER IN AMSTERDAM. AT US EMBASSY INITIATIVE, JOINT  
VISIT TO VESSEL WAS MADE OCT 1 BY ASTP CO-COMMANDERS STAFFORD  
AND LEONOV, COSMONAUT SEVASTLANOV, AMB GOULD, AMB ROMANOV AND  
US AND SOV EMBOFFS. IN DISPLAY OF COMPLEMENTARITY OF US  
RESEARCH EFFORTS IN INNER AND OUTER SPACE, ASTP APOLLO COMMANDER,  
BGEN THOMAS P. STAFFORD, POSED FOR PHOTO HOLDING CORE SAMPLE  
RECENTLY EXTRACTED BY "CHALLENGER" FROM OCEAN BOTTOM. JOINT VISIT  
HIGHLIGHTED GROWING LEVEL OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN US  
AND USSR.

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4. GLOMAR CHALLENGER DEPARTED AMSTERDAM OCT 6 PM AS SCHEDULED.

5. EMBASSY EXTENDS ITS APPRECIAT TO NSF, SCRIPPS INSTITUTION,  
VESSEL OPERATORS AND THEIR PERSONNEL ABOARD "GLOMAR  
CHALLENGER", PARTICULARLY MCLERRAN, MCTERNAN, OLVIAS, AND  
CAPT. CLARK, FOR EXCELLENT PROGRAM AND CORDIAL RECEPTION ACCORDED  
ALL VISITORS DESPITE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY ON-GOING  
SHP REPARIS DURING "CHALLENGER'S" VISIT.

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